A concerted attempt is made to process each and every case with due expedition. In the ordinary course, applications seeking grant of Registration or Prior Permission, complete in all respects, are disposed of within 4-6 months. However, in cases warranting a more detailed scrutiny or where additional document(s) information is sought from the associations, the process may take longer and may spill over to a period of more than a year. However, efforts are made to dispose of such applications at the earliest.

In order to further rationalize the time taken in processing of applications and to provide better and transparent services, the Ministry has introduced an online facility for the applicants to file their applications for registration/prior permission and to also submit the statutory annual FC-3 returns. Appropriate mechanism for tracking the updated status of individual cases has also been made available on the Ministry's website www.mha.nic.in.

(e) and (f) There is no black list of registered associations. Associations that are registered or which have obtained prior permisssion under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 are required to submit annual returns of receipt and utilization of foreign contribution in the prescribed FC-3 form. On a review of submission of annual return, 8673 registered associations, which did not submit mandatory returns for three consecutive years *i.e.* 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 were placed in the prior permission category *vide* Ministry's Notification dated 26.10.2005. Subsequently, registration of 337 associations, which submitted the proof of submission of returns within the stipulated time *i.e.* 31.12.2006 was restored.

Attack by terrorists on CRPF centre in Rampur

690. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorists had attacked the regional centre of CRPF situated at Rampur;

(b) if so, the details of number of soldiers died and wounded in the said attack;

(c) whether it is also a fact that terrorists had succeeded in looting weapons in the said attack; and

(d) if so, the details and the number of weapons looted from the Rampur Centre of CRPF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) On 01.01.2008 at about 02.30 hours, terrorists attacked the CRPF Group Centre at Rampur (U.P.) with automatic rifles and hand grenades. As a result, 08 persons (07 CRPF personnel and 01 civilian) were killed while 05 persons (03 CRPF personnel, 01 local Policement and 01 Home Guard) were injured. The details of 07 CRPF personnel killed are given below:—

(i) Shri Ramji Sharan, Head Constable.

(ii) Shri Afzal Ahmed, Head Constable.

(iii) Shri Rishikesh Rai, Head Constable.

(iv) Shri Manvir Singh Constable.

(v) Shri Anand Kumar, Constable.

(vi) Shri Devender Kumar, Constable.

(vii) Shri Vikas Kumar, Constable.

The details of CRPF personnel injured are given below:-

(i) Shri Ranjan Lal, Constable.

(ii) Shri Kender Singh, Constable.

(iii) Shri Pardeep Kumar Gujjar, Constable.

(c) and (d) In the incident, no Force weapon was taken away/looted by the terrorists from the CRPF Group Centre, Rampur.

Low police-population ratio

†691. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of police personnel is very low in proportion to population;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of efforts being made by Government to increase the number of police personnel and to modernize the police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per data compiled by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) the number of Police personnel per one lakh of population in India as on 1.1.2006, is 1:142.69. The State/Union Territory-wise details are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) As per the VII Schedule to the Constitution of India 'Police' and 'law and order' are State subjects. Therefore, the primary responsibility to decide about the composition of their police forces, as also, modernizing and equipping them adequately, to face the challenges to internal security, is on the State Government. However, the Central Government has been advising all the State Governments to fill up the existing vacancies of police personnel and outsource some of the non-core police duties which will also save manpower and promote police-community partnership. To supplement the efforts of State Governments in modernizing their police forces, this Ministry has been implementing a Non-plan Scheme Modernization of State Police Forces, which is an important initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs towards capacity building of the State Police Forces, especially for meeting the emerging challenges to internal security, in the form of terrorism, naxalism, etc. Some of the major items of police infrastructure covered under the Scheme include, construction of secure police stations, outposts, police lines, mobility, modern weaponry, security, surveillance, communication, forensic equipment, up-gradation of training infrastructure/equipment, police housing, computerization, etc.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.